

A Mongrel Congressman.

The Charleston Daily News a few weeks ago published a letter to the public from T. J. Mackey, a Mongrel Alderman and politician, and brother of the late Albert Mackey, who was lately removed from the Collectors of the Port of Charleston, S. C. The Mongrel member of Congress from the Charleston district, C. C. Bowen, was instrumental in getting Dr. Mackey turned out, and was between the nations after defending himself against certain charges brought by Bowen, carries the war into Africa in the following style:

But how stands it with C. C. Bowen, whose name, by a civil fiction, now bears the prefix "Honorable"? He is a New England man, born and reared in Rhode Island, near the very altar of liberty. He entered the Confederate army as a lieutenant of cavalry, and after an ignominious career of two years, he was considered a traitor to the official record before me for the crime of forgery! It is also true that I was indicted with General Walker on the charge of violating the neutrality laws of the United States, but I have yet to learn that fact from the fact of my standing as a gentleman. Immediately after my trial and acquittal on that charge, I was appointed by the authorities at Washington as Examiner of the United States Surveys for Kansas and Nebraska. I was not a clerk, but an auditor of accounts, and in the Freedmen's Bureau, and in that capacity I became acquainted with the evidence on which C. C. Bowen was arrested and committed to prison by General Sickles, on the charge of having stolen money from the Freedmen's Bureau. It is true that I was Private Secretary to Governor Scott, the same gallant soldier and worthy gentleman whose duty it became, as assistant commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau for South Carolina, to make known through the military authorities, disburse a large amount of his ill-gotten gains. It is true that I am "well-known in Texas." In the summer of 1865, as acting United States postmaster-general for the counties of that State, I arrested many criminals, some of whom were arrested for the crime of murder, after a fair and impartial trial, for less evidence than that adduced to prove that C. C. Bowen murdered Colonel White, by the hands of a hired assassin in his bedroom at Georgetown, S. C., in November, 1864, for which bloody deed he escaped punishment, through the flight of his accomplice, after a full confession. He was confined in prison here on that charge, and was released after a full confession. I was charged by the United States court in my entry into Charleston, in 1865. This dark but truthful story of Bowen's crimes is not inconsistent with his ante-war record. He came to this city in 1858 as the head of a band of political thieves, and soon signaled his advent by stealing a valuable set of fine checks from an establishment in this city, which checks he sold in New York, where they were recovered by the owner, together with the written proof of Bowen's guilt. This I can prove by a "cloud of witnesses." The municipal authorities of this city have been very frequently appealed to during the last month by his wife at Louisville, whom he has abandoned, although a hired assassin, to aid her in securing a support from him, while he is living in open infamy with another in this city. Bowen charges that I "preside over so-called Union Leagues, where for a fee of fifty cents, I put down the hired assassin, the good Republicans." It is true that I am President of the Union League of Charleston, the same League that subscribed money, earned by the hard hands of laboring men who chiefly composed it, to feed Bowen and his family in this city in 1867, while he was imprisoned in Castle Pinckney on the charge of stealing a charge which the members of the League were led to believe untrue from his hands. Bowen charges that I "put down the hired assassin, the good Republicans." The resolutions to which Bowen refers were passed to denounce the proposed appointment of his friend, G. W. Clark, as collector of this port, and to stigmatize the political traitor, C. C. Bowen, as a traitor and a scoundrel. Surely it did not require "a fee of \$50" to induce me to support such resolutions. It is worthy of note that U. S. Senator Sawyer, who is now Bowen's bosom friend and co-conspirator, was charged by Bowen with the crime of forgery in taking the iron-clad oath—a charge which is true. I have thus briefly glanced at the criminal history of this honorable Representative from South Carolina, and I hope that justice will yet overtake him.

"And put in every honest hand a whip To lash the rascal into the world."

T. J. MACKEY.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 10, 1869.

In Castle Pinckney in 1867 by Governor Scott, then Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, on the charge of misappropriating the funds of the Union League.

3. That C. C. Bowen, then Captain of the Twenty-first battalion Georgia Cavalry, was tried by court-martial, found guilty, and cashiered for forging pay-rolls, the result being announced in general orders by Gen. Beauregard's headquarters.

4. That C. C. Bowen was arrested upon the charge of having planned the murder of Colonel White, at Georgetown, S. C., in November, 1864, that he escaped by the flight of his accomplice, and was released from jail when the Federal troops took possession of Charleston in 1865.

Some of these charges against C. C. Bowen have already been published; others are altogether new. When we now desire to show the people the character of one of the leaders of the South Carolina Radical Republicans; one of the trusted chiefs of the party—one of the men sent by negro Radical Republicans to South Carolina in the Congress of the United States.

John Sherman on the Tariff.

Senator John Sherman, in his speech at Canton, Ohio, a few days ago, said:

"The present tariff was framed to raise the highest revenue from the smallest imports. It was framed by the highest duties, and was selected for the highest duties. Raw materials, indispensable for our own productions, were selected for the lowest duties."

Now, as Senator John Sherman is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and as to cite his own declaration in the Senate, it is true that the tariff bills that have passed Congress in the last twelve years, surely he ought to know whereof he speaks. But he will himself concede that the tariff acts themselves are better evidence of the fact than any other statement of the tariff. What is the evidence of the existing tariff act?

The average ad valorem duties upon the three articles of luxury the Senator speaks of, and which he says were selected for the highest duties, are as follows:

Wine, per cent.	60
Cigars, per cent.	50
Claret, per cent.	50
Woolen overcoats, per cent.	125
Woolen hosiery, per cent.	125
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